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# Downtown Riverside Hosts Next First Sundays February 6th

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

Riverside and the Inland Empire: What better way to get to know your kids than to spend an afternoon with them, having fun and learning something too! Parents, family members, and kids have come to expect the best, free,

innovative, ongoing family programming in the Inland Empire from First Sundays. Catch the excitement of First Sundays again in Downtown Riverside on February 6.

This series of workshops, performances and special events is offered by Riverside's downtown museums and public

library, and is designed to meet the educational and entertainment needs of families. First Sundays takes place on the first Sunday of the month, with programs scheduled between 1 and 4 p.m. All events are free—admission fees to all participating institutions are

waived on First Sundays.

First Sundays would not be possible without the generous support of Burgess Moving & Storage; Brushes for Vincent, Ann de Wolf; Cheap Joe's Art Stuff; the Dye Family Foundation; Bob Dyer, Effie Yeaw Nature Center; Friends of the Riverside Public Library;

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#### Governor Davis Appoints Eisenhower High Grad

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LOS ANGELES



Kimberly Gates

Governor Gray Davis announced the appointment of Kimberly M. Gates as assistant secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency.

Gates, 31, of Oakland, has an extensive background in managed care and health issues. Currently, she works for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., where she monitors the organization's compliance with government regulations, and assists in resolving contract implementation changes. In 1995, Gates worked for the State of Missouri's Department of Health, where she assisted in developing a transition strategy for the merger of 42 school-based health programs with a multi-site, community-based human services program. From 1992 to 1994, she worked for the Centers for Behavioral Research and Services' Project RESPECT, conducting enhanced behavioral modification and STD education sessions with at-risk adults. From 1990 to 1991, she worked for the Thomas J. Watson Foundation and served as a health policy analyst.

Gates earned a dual bachelor of arts degree from Wheaton College, and a masters of public policy degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

The assistant secretary advises the secretary on managed care programs as they relate to the departments within the agency. The assistant secretary is responsible for formulating, analyzing, revising, interpreting, and evaluating the program and fiscal impact of major programs and policies dealing with health, human services, and employment issues in California.

This position does not require Senate confirmation.

#### Riverside at the Crossroads In Ethnic Relationships

COMMENTARY

By Pink Underwood

The unfortunate, untimely and tragic death of a young Black female, with the truly enigmatic aftermath brought the designated All-American City of Riverside to a crossroads in ethnic relationships. Finally, after much flipping and flopping about on the part of the elected officials, the City Manager, an appointee, has taken actions that may indeed signal the beginning of an ethnic healing process. Every concerned citizen of the city should stand and applaud City Manager John Holmes for the intestinal

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## City Classifies Allen AME Attack Vandalism

△ Community Upset

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

By Cheryl Brown

Photos by Hardy Brown & Willie Hoyrst

The Riverside City Council passed a resolution to strongly condemn the vandalism perpetrated against Allen Chapel A.M.E. and further condemn vandalism and violence of any kind toward any of our religious institutions. "We will not tolerate behavior of this nature against the city's religious institutions," they said in a memorandum.

Just calling it vandalism created an outcry from the audience who said that it was a hate crime and should be treated as such.

The strong words from activist Mary Shelton, Rev. Ron Gibson, of Life Church of God in Christ, Rev. Paul S. Munford, New Joy Baptist Church, Rev. Bernell Butler of Bright Light COGIC, Hardy Brown, Co-Publisher of the Black Voice, citizen James Martin, Rev. Reggie Beamon of Life COGIC demanded the crime be treated as a hate crime and chided the City Council for their condescending attitude about the crime. The general feeling of those speaking and Pastor of Allen, Rev. Shermella Egson was that it was a hate crime.

On Friday, January 7, 2000, vandals struck the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church causing damage and destruction. The Church is in its 125th year of existence and maintains historic and cultural value for the City. The damage included two broken stained glass windows and a broken window of the church's van. There was also carburetor fluid poured on the front doors of the church, said the memorandum.



Mayor Ron Loveridge



Rev. Shermella Garrett-Egson

Acting Chief of Police Mike Smith said he was seriously considering it a "hateful" crime and that he had called in ATF (The Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms). Smith said, "we look at it more seriously than vandalism."

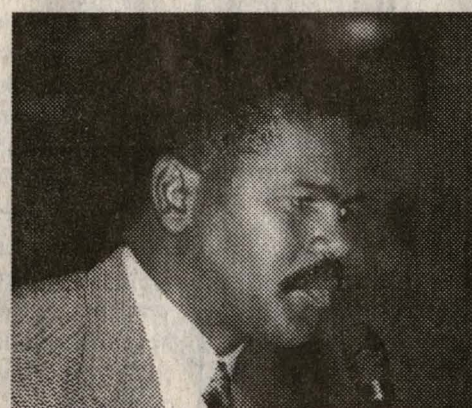
He may have looked at it more seriously but the audience who reacted to the city council comments were critical of the council's seemingly unconcern. "They seemed to be going through the motions not serious about it," said Hardy Brown.

Councilman Chuck Beatty was personally chided by Gibson because he seemed to think because the church was attractive vandals shouldn't have attacked it. He missed the point of the attack indicated Gibson.

All members of the council with the exception of Alex Clifford and Joy Defenbaugh seemed to take stance different from the speakers. She called for prosecution of the perpetrators. "I have difficulty understanding the mindset. We must take a stand it is not right, not acceptable and we should prosecute them." Clifford called the act of hatred detestable and was the first to call or offer a reward.

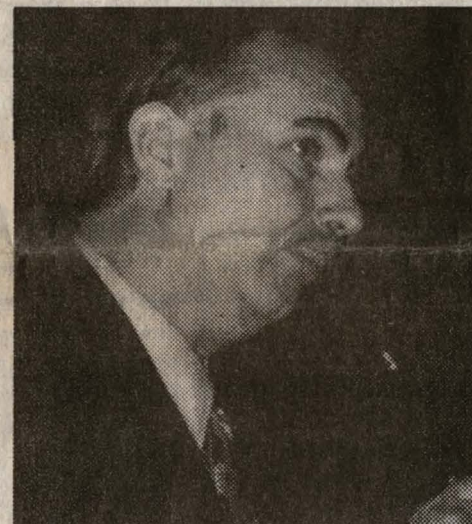


Joy Defenbaugh



Rev. Ron Gibson

Maureen Kane put the attack in the category of vandalism, cars keyed, graffiti on poles, but said she could not say it was kids being bored or an adult hate crime.



Acting Chief of Police  
Mike Smith

Ameal Moore (the City Council's only Black member), said it was righteous indignation and said it reminded him of Civil Rights movement in the segregated south.



Maureen Kane



Rev. Paul S. Munford

While not calling it vandalism, he also wouldn't refer to it as a hate crime.

Mayor said he takes it seriously after the audience spoke but said it was a hateful act not officially a hate crime, because he didn't want to jeopardize the case.

Hardy Brown remarked, "when good men do nothing, evil men step forward," quoting Dr. King.

James Martin, jumped on the Council's lack of enthusiasm about the issue. Martin said "you should brand it as a hate crime not vandalism." However, I've heard more on this than Tyisha Miller, but when 2/3 of our policemen look like skinheads you say nothing.

Beamon, Munford, Butler and Gibson all said the attack on the church was because Rev. Egson's involvement with the Tyisha Miller Steering Committee.

But Mary Shelton summed it up. It is part of a bigger picture. She outlined all the attacks on the Black Voice News racks, posters with swastikas on poles throughout downtown, the police attitudes, their response time and shaving their heads. "Hate crimes are more important than vandalism," she said.

The support from the ministers was a surprise to Rev. Egson, an early member of the Tyisha Miller Steering Committee who told the city council she believed this to be a hate crime, but wanted them to know not one Black minister called her and she didn't want this to be misconstrued or be used to further any cause. Ministers will be meeting to mend the rift this incident has caused. "We wanted to support Pastor Egson," said Munford. "This just wasn't her church that was attacked, it was what the church stands for, African Methodist Episcopal which cannot be mistaken as American Methodist," said Beamon.

## Victor Torres, Ex-Cop Speaks for Embattled Rene Rodriguez

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RIVERSIDE

By Mary Shelton

Victor Torres, an ex-police officer spoke the words that his friend Rene Rodriguez could not, "good cops welcome scrutiny and objective oversight of their actions." An assertion which flies in the face of the Riverside Police Officers Associations belief that its department can investigate itself, even though it had pressured another police chief into early retirement last week.

On January 11, at Zacatecas restaurant, 40 community members greeted Riverside Police Officer, Rene Rodriguez enthusiastically and waited to hear him speak. Until they were informed that he was involved in a "sensitive" meeting and consequently would be unable to speak publicly about his experiences in the Riverside Police Department. Torres became his voice and answered questions about his own experiences as well as those of Rodriguez and other officers who blow the whistles on their departments.

Chani Beeman, co-chair of the Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability (RCPA) also announced an "intent to circulate"

petition had been filed at City Hall and published in the last issue of the Black Voice News. Signature gathering began last Saturday, after a two hour training session for volunteers to learn about the process of gathering signatures as well as their legal rights to solicit signatures especially if they are harassed.

"Rodriguez violated the first amendment of police forces, do not talk. He talked and he has paid the price," Ray Lewis, co-chair of the RCPA said. Rodriguez is currently on paid administrative leave, but has not received back pay from his previous months of employment extending back to April. Chief Carroll also placed him on indefinite rookie status, which usually expires after 18 months of employment. The internal affairs division also interviewed Rodriguez about an off-duty incident, before he was placed on paid leave. His supervisors had previously told him that this investigation was closed.

"If it had not been for the community coming forward, the city would not have considered his situation in the way that they have and will continue to," Torres said, repeating the words of Connie Rice, Rodriguez's attorney. It was the community that applied pressure on City Hall, to

remedy an injustice that had been committed against him, and after many months, city officials finally acted.

Torres related his own experiences, when he broke the code of silence at his own department. He does not believe that officers should be put on pedestals but should be acknowledged for bravery and commitment to their work. He spoke of the nepotism in police departments when it comes to hiring and promoting officers. He said that after 28 years on the job, he found that the current officers were almost like a "reincarnation" of the previous ones. If departments are giving preferential treatment to family members, an issue which was also addressed regarding the Riverside Police Department, then they are using unfair practices, which must be examined. Racism is a part of the police culture, he said, and it is a common trait for police associations to be abrasive and bullying, so the actions of the RPOA are not unique.

Lou Smith asked if Rene Rodriguez would be able to get a job with another law enforcement agency as was the case of Paul Bugar who was recently hired as a dispatcher by the San Bernardino Sheriffs Department. Torres answered by relating

his own experience. He once applied for a \$5.50 hour job with the Riverside County District Attorney's office only to be informed that he did not pass his background check because of his actions as a police officer who challenged the status quo. Contrast that with Bugar who had no problem being hired despite currently being under investigation by the federal government for violating the civil rights of Tyisha Miller when he and the three other officers killed her. Torres said, that while he and Rodriguez are viewed by the police community as pariah's, the four officers who shot Miller are seen as martyrs.

Tanya Humphrey who ran for City Council last Fall, asked what part of police training did Bill Rhetts' racist comments fall into. Rhetts, the RPOA's new vice president, is under investigation by internal affairs for his comment, "in L.A. they treat you like a King and in Riverside, it's Miller time." He admitted making the comment but stated that it was taken out of context and that he used his words to educate new officers. The department has been reviewing the complaint against him since 1st March.

RCPA member Kevin Akins outlined the

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Return Elian Gonzalez to his Father

In a letter to the President, Reps. Maxine Waters (D-CA); Barbara Lee (D-CA); James Clyburn (D-SC); Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX); Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and others made the following statement:

"I am writing to you to urge the Administration to expedite the return of Elian Gonzalez to his father in Cuba. It is unconscionable that this real life tragedy has become overly politicized and his return further delayed by postponement of his hearing by the Immigration and Naturalization Service until January 21, 2000.

"It has been nearly a month since, by the grace of God, Elian's life was spared after an unsuccessful attempt by his mother and others to come to the United States aboard a risky vessel. Elian should have been back home in Cuba well before Christmas, and his father should not have to experience the anguish of separation from his child in this highly politicized environment.

Clearly, Elian is a Cuban native.

Clearly, his father is in Cuba.

Clearly, his father made no effort to "smuggle" Elian into the United States.

There are no outstanding issues. And, moreover, Elian is too young to be interviewed.

"Mr. President, I am sending this urgent letter of request in an attempt to avoid the proposed delay. Many other Members of Congress will join me during our next communication on this issue. Some of us are determined that this situation will not be decided based on the politics of the day or the sentiments of anti-Castro Cubans in Florida and the rest of the United States. Rather, it should be decided based on the best interest of the child and the rights that any father would expect to have.

"Elian has lost his mother to death on the high seas. Are we also now going to take away his father? I urge your immediate consideration of these concerns."

The Black Voice News agrees with the sentiments of these U.S. Representatives and feel that further delay will undoubtedly continue the traumatic exposure to the ongoing protests in Miami, as well as the separation from his father and relatives he has known most of his life in Cuba.

### Chief Carroll Bids Riverside Goodbye

I want to thank everyone for the kind words, encouragement and support given me, during the last week, since announcing my retirement. I am overwhelmed with the sincerity and kindness demonstrated by the citizens of Riverside. My family and I truly appreciate the public support and appreciation of my 27 years of service to the Riverside Police Department.

I want to make it clear to my supporters that I will not return to the duties of Riverside Police Chief. I am on administrative leave until my official retirement December 15, 2000.

I urge the citizens of Riverside to continue supporting the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and the men and women of the Riverside Police Department. They have the City's best interests at heart and work hard to provide quality public services and insure the community's safety. It is time to move on and give the Riverside Police Department a fresh start. I encourage those calling for my return to focus their efforts and energy to support Acting Police Chief Mike Smith and eventually the new Police Chief, once named.

My career with the Riverside Police Department has been positive and rewarding. I have had the support of the Mayor, City Council and City Manager to be able to implement important policy direction and institute successful programs. I am pleased with the positive result of the Community Oriented Problem Solving philosophy and the programs that have developed under that model. Serious crime is down in the City of Riverside thanks to many successful programs and the hard work of the Riverside Police Officers.

I am looking forward to my retirement from the police department. I have projects to complete, academy classes to teach and a whole list of "things to do" compiled with the help of my wonderful wife Terri. I hope to spend some time with my family and enjoy my grandchildren.

During this year, while I am on administrative leave, I will assist the City Manager in any way necessary. I will make myself available to provide technical assistance regarding the legal issue facing the city.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve this fine city and its citizens. I wish the best for Riverside in the coming years.

Jerry Carroll

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### To Be Equal



Huge B. Price

By Hugh B. Price

National Urban League President/

Although the presidential sweepstakes are just now moving into high gear, it's already become apparent that any presidential candidate seeking to improve upon the country's record of recent prosperity must commit himself to resolving an old problem that threatens both America's present and its future.

That is, he must eliminate discriminatory practices and other disparities between schools in wealthy areas and poor neighborhoods that undermine equal educational opportunity for our children.

This is a problem of longstanding, of course. But it is being intensified by the educational catch-22 which is ensnaring too many children who are poor, and especially too many who are African-American and Hispanic-American.

They are trapped between lofty academic standards and perennially

## Scoring the Presidential Sweepstakes

under-performing public schools.

They are in this trap because politicians and pundits rush to support ratcheting up the standards for promotion and graduation, but backpedal when it comes to supporting the high-caliber preschool programs and public education facilities necessary to lift poor and minority students to that higher plane.

This has produced the makings of a social catastrophe for America.

If Black and Hispanic children do not do well in public school, they will be pushed to the margins of a society in which education and the knowledge of how to learn will, more than ever, literally be the coin of the realm.

More than 90 percent of Black children and more than 75 percent of Hispanic children attend public schools, and most of them attend schools that are overwhelmingly Black or Hispanic and in poor neighborhoods.

In addition, if Black and Hispanic children do not do well in school, the America of the future--in which people of color will form an ever-increasing large share of the work force--will do less and less well in the global economic marketplace.

A quality education is the birthright of every American child.

But at all levels of government--federal, state and local--the enforcement of that inheritance have fallen glaringly short.

That's why the National Urban League has just released the inaugural issue of our newsletter,

Opportunity Watch, and focused on the candidates' pronouncements, policies and track records on such educational issues as vouchers, education savings accounts, quality teachers, access to technology, and social promotion.

The candidates whose records we examined were: Gary Bauer, Bill Bradley, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Al Gore, Alan Keyes, and John McCain.

The Opportunity Watch newsletter is available on our web site, at [www.nul.org](http://www.nul.org), or by mail from our national office (212) 558-5438.

Its purpose is to grade the major candidates' policies and track records in the areas of our greatest involvement.

As a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, our goal is not to endorse any candidate. It is to provide a resource--a scorecard--that will help the African-American community and the public-at-large become better informed about the candidates during primaries and the general election.

(Future issues of the Opportunity Watch newsletter will focus on health care, the safety net, economic policy and affirmative action.)

Our rating of the candidates on educational issues is based on five principles which are crucial improving educational opportunity for those children who are the most "at risk" and for education

generally.

They include ensuring universal access to high-quality early childhood education, and opposing such schemes as vouchers and tax-deductible education savings accounts, which shift public resources to non-public K-12 schools.

We also favor universal access to quality teachers and teaching; guaranteeing that all schools have the best quality telecommunications technology, and, finally, ensuring that states and school districts not end social promotion until they implement realistic plans for providing all schools with first-rate teachers and first-rate.

Based on those principles, Al Gore totaled the highest score, a 13--out of 15-- on our rating index. Bill Bradley scored 9, while both George W. Bush and John McCain both achieved a 7. Steve Forbes scored a two, and Gary Bauer and Alan Keyes scored a zero.

Of course, there is not the space here to present even a cursory analysis of the various candidates' positions that our newsletter contains, which is why it is "must" reading.

Our intention there, and here, is to alert the public, and the candidates that their actions and statements are being examined and scores are being kept for the very best of reasons: to help build an informed electorate and to further educational opportunity.

## Riverside at the Crossroads In Ethnic Relationships

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fortitude (Translation: Guts) he demonstrated with his decision to terminate any efforts to appease some disgruntled White male police sergeants of the Riverside Police Department.

When minorities and woman make discrimination claims they are required to prove their cases in court unless the evidence is overpowering...which is seldom the case unless idiots are involved. If the published information is only semi-accurate, the situation in Riverside is such that the officers making the discrimination claims have no chance of winning in court. Apparently, these disgruntled individuals attempted to force the Chief of Police to make selections for promotion from a list provided by, guess who, 7 other White males. Now, all sorts of statements are being attributed to the former Chief, he has apparently stepped down from the position, in an effort to give the appearance that he was obsessed with promoting a Black person even though none of the people promoted were Black. There has been a published statement attributed to the former.

Chief that one of those promoted, a Native American, "...changes from Indian to Black sometimes." I happen to know the gentleman in question. Alex Tortes, and he is a Native American and proud of that fact. Additionally, if professional behavior and dedication to the motto 'Protect and Serve' are criteria for promotion, officer Tortes deserves to be a lieutenant in the Riverside Police Department.

The contention here is that these complaints were never about promotions but about who was going to control the Riverside Police Department. This contention seem to be supported by the fact that one of the complaining officers, Ron Orrantia, is attributed with saying that he "...never understood what the (discrimination) claims were about." Doesn't that make you wonder why the claims were filed? Maybe we should ask officer Bill Rhetts, vice-president of the Riverside Police Officers Association what he meant when he said, "We would only make it difficult for a chief if he was doing things that the membership didn't agree with." The record is clear that the 'membership' didn't agree with firing four White officers who shot a

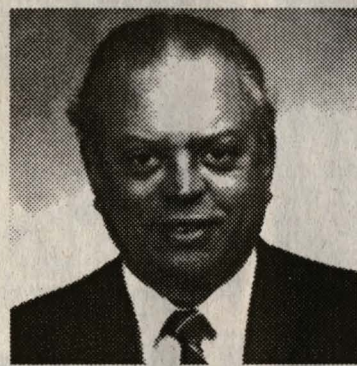
Black female in the back of the head and then lying and claiming they fired only after she fired at them. The record is clear that the 'membership' didn't agree with firing an officer who purportedly made racially insensitive remarks about those grieving the slaughter of a family member. As far as I know, and I acknowledge my information is limited, the only thing that the 'members' will agree with is the promotion of White males.

I have known, and still know, many

officers on the Riverside police force. Most of these men and women are honest and professional individuals who manage an entire career without shooting anyone. Perhaps the actions by the City Manager will convince the few rogue cops on the Riverside force, (have no doubt there are some) that they are city employees and must cease their lunatic behavior. If three trained and armed military combatants can be captured in a war zone, why is it necessary for two Riverside police

officers to shoot and kill an unarmed young Black male? Why was it that they simply walked away from the incident by claiming that they thought he had a gun and was in fear for their lives? Now that we seem to have a strong-minded City Manager and a new Chief of Police, maybe the penalty for shooting and killing an innocent citizen will carry a penalty greater than an extended paid vacation. I refuse to hold my breath because one step, no matter how noble, doesn't complete a journey.

### Family Talks



Joseph A. Bailey, II M.D.

Most of Negro achievement efforts of the 1800's were focused on neutralizing BLACK CODES (post Civil War laws controlling the ability of ex-slaves to obtain employment outside of plantation work, moving from place to place, and inter-racial contact), and JIM CROW segregation of the races in public life, disfranchisement, lynching, and the like. Certain "FREE NEGROES" (those who were freed before the Civil War), including "FREE BORN" (Negroes born before the Civil War who parents were not slaves), and the post Civil War FREEDMEN were prominent throughout the 1800's. THEODORE WELD (1803-1895) helped set up agencies that sent speakers to lecture to audiences in hopes of bringing them into the anti-slavery camp. Despite being heckled, stoned, and beaten by angry pro-slavery crowds, these abolitionists (abolish slavery) were effective. JAMES FORTEN (1766-

### 1800's Afro-American Achievements

1842), a Free Negro of Philadelphia, not only made a fortune out of his new device for handling sails, but was also an active abolitionist, an advocate of women's rights, universal peace, and improvement for the free Negro. ROBERT PURVIS (1810-1898), a "freeborn," supported women's rights and prison improvement. Until the rise of Frederick Douglass, CHARLES REMOND (1810-1873) was probably the ablest spokesman for Negroes. No man could put more meaning in fewer words. SOJOURNER TRUTH (1797-1883) could stir audiences with her heavy voice, quaint language, and homely illustrations. To administer to wounded of the Civil War, she found it necessary to desegregate Washington D.C. trolleys.

Being part of the "in-group" where legislation is carried out has generally not been part of the Afro-American experience. H. R. REVELS (1822-1901) was selected in 1869 to fill the Mississippi Senate seat vacated by Jefferson Davis (former President of the Confederacy). That made Revels the first Black to be a member of Congress. LAURA TOWNE (1825-1901) formed one of the earliest schools for ex-slaves. GEORGE WILLIAMS (1849-1991) wrote the first

scientifically researched history of Afro-Americans. M. R. DELANEY (1851) wrote a defense of the Negro's capabilities. J. B. RUSSWURM (1799-1851) was the first (1826) Negro college graduate. In 1816, RICHARD ALLEN founded the African Episcopal (A.M.E.) church because of the spirit of caste and race prejudice of the Protestant Church.

It was Negro cowboys, not Whites like movies depict, who dominated the Old West. Yet, they found no place in the fiction world of entertainment. Because Negro troops were unpopular in the South and North and because racists said they were adapted to harsh environments and had better resistance to disease, Negroes were sent to the West--the worst possible duty. Indians called them the "BUFFALO SOLDIERS." In 1885, they captured the feared Indian Geronimo. Amazingly, it was a Black Deputy U.S. Marshall--BASS REEVES (1838-1910)--who tamed the Wild West, not Waytt Earp (the most famous White lawman of all). The creative genius of Reeves was to bring in a new concept of capturing outlaws, using subterfuge (disguises) so as to avoid shootouts and otherwise needless violence.

Joseph A. Bailey, II, M.D



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# Riverside County Honors Mediator of the Year

The Black Voice News

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The Riverside County Dispute Resolution Center, led by the Department of Community Action, announced the MEDIATOR OF THE YEAR at its annual Mediator Recognition Luncheon recently.

Timothy Waldron was named MEDIATOR OF THE YEAR at the event held in Palm Springs at Billy Reed's Restaurant. Waldron has been a mediator with the Dispute Resolution Center since December 1995 - regularly volunteering over 50 hours monthly assisting community members to resolve disputes out of court. Waldron has been the Center's Court Coordinator in December 1998.

Though mediation both parties of a dispute have their view expressed and come to a mutual agreement for a resolution.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Rosetta Runnel-Davis, DRC Program Manager, Honorable Arthur S. Block, Honorable Ronald L. Taylor, Lois J. Carson, Department of Community Action Executive Director, Honorable Charles D. Field, Commissioner Thomas S. Hudspeth, Mayor John Hunt, City of Banning, Ron Hulbert, Chief Administrator of the County Courts.

"Mediation is definitely the way of the future," said Commissioner Thomas S. Hudspeth, County of Riverside Superior Court in Palm Springs in his keynote address to the honorees. Commissioner Hudspeth praised the work of

the Center and its volunteers saying, "Your help with these cases is an invaluable service to the community. Mediation is an idea whose time has come and is recognized as an outstanding method of resolving disputes with a win / win outcome."

Forty volunteer mediators were honored at the luncheon for their dedication and service. Attending the event were Judges Charles D. Field, Arthur S. Block and Ronald L. Taylor, all of the Superior Court of Riverside County, Chief Administrator of the County Courts Ron Hulbert and Jackie Suit, Board of Trustees, College of the Desert. Also in attendance was Dr. Fred Jant, UC San Bernardino who instructs the Basic Mediation Course for the Center mediators. Representing the Community Action Commission were Mayor John Hunt of Banning, the Commission Chairman and commissioners Judith Shea of Desert Hot Springs and Palm Springs City Councilman Ron Oden. An unexpected highlight of the event was Councilman Oden announcing his candidacy

for the 44th Congressional District seat.

For more information on becoming a mediator or for low

cost mediation services please call Cheryl Sleboda at the Department of Community Action (909) 955-4900

## Cabazons Release Video on Saving Salton Sea

The Black Voice News

INDIO

The Cabazon Band of Mission Indians has released an hour-long version of a video documentary to educate the public in finding a solution for restoring North America's third largest inland body of water -- the Salton Sea.

"Saving The Salton Sea: Solutions and Their Impact" is airing on the Coachella Valley's Time Warner cable TV systems through Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on Channel 4 and 1 p.m. on Channel 7. The video also is airing at 6 a.m. Monday and

Wednesday through Feb. 29 on KECY-TV, the Fox affiliate in Imperial Valley. Videos are available for purchase at \$11.95 each through the Cabazon Band at (760) 342-2593.

Narrated by actor William Devane ("Knots Landing") of nearby Thermal, the documentary features interviews with members of Congress, environmental experts and local historians. The video expands on the original 28-minute version released last fall with additional historical background and interview footage.

## Stater Bros. Markets Signs Five-Year Contract with RPI

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE



Don Baker

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) announced it has signed a five-year power contract with Stater Bros. Markets that will reduce electric rates

for Stater Bros. Markets while providing RPU with a long-term contract commitment from one of its largest customers. RPU will be Stater Bros. Markets only power supplier through 2004 at its seven supermarkets located within the city limits.

"We're very pleased with this contract. It enables us to retain one of our biggest customers and at the same time, provide power at a reasonable cost," said Bill Carnahan, director of Riverside Public Utilities.

"We have a great working relationship with Riverside Public Utilities and are very satisfied with this contract. By negotiating a fixed rate, we'll have a locked in rate for five years that will provide significant savings on our electric rates. It will also help in our long-term budgeting and planning for the future," said Don Baker, Executive Vice President, Stater Bros. Markets.

Stater Bros. Markets operates 155 Supermarket locations, with 46 in San Bernardino County, 40 in Riverside County, 30 in Orange County, 27 in Los Angeles, 10 in Northern San Diego County and 2 in Kern County.

Riverside Public Utilities is the fourth largest municipal-owned utility in California, serving more than 90,000 customers in the City of Riverside.

## Partnership Agreement to Help SBA Reach African American Small Business

U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) District Director Sandy Sutton will sign a historic partnership agreement with the Inland Empire African American Chamber of Commerce at their Installation Luncheon on January 27, 2000. The luncheon will take place at the San Bernardino Hilton.

The partnership agreement states that the Inland Empire African American Chamber of Commerce and the SBA will combine their efforts to reach out to minorities and women who may benefit from SBA services and to help more small firms succeed.

For more information about the luncheon please contact Joann Roberts at (909) 379-6249 or Reggie Harrison at (909) 386-8009.

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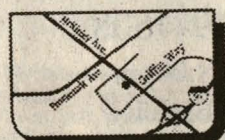
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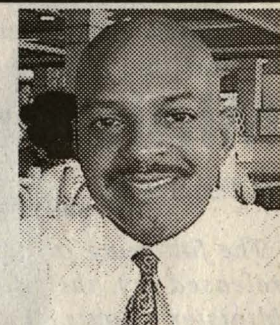
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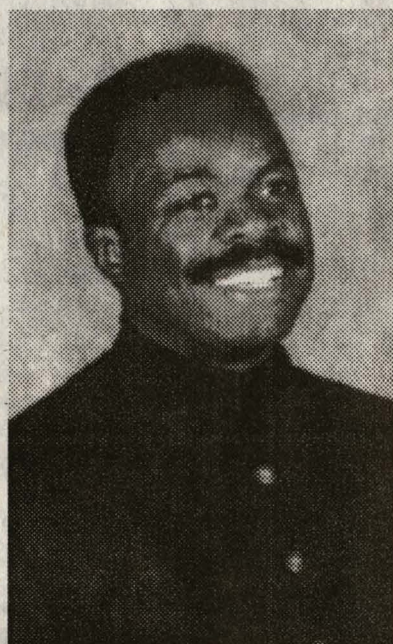
## Pastor Chuck to Attend Intro of Anti-Slavery

The Black Voice News

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Pastor Chuck Singleton, C.E.O. of C.O.M.P.A.S. (Congress on Modern Pan African Slavery) and Senior Pastor of Loveland Church in Rancho Cucamonga, will be present on the floor of the California State Legislature as the Assembly considers a Joint Resolution in support of the Sudanese people. He has been invited by Assemblyman Howard Kaloogian of the 74th District, who will introduce the resolution.

The resolution asks the State Assembly to condemn the persecution and human rights abuses currently taking place. In Suddan, government armed militias raid African villages,



Pastor Chuck Singleton

shoot the men, and abduct women and children. These

helpless captives are taken to the north, where they are bought and sold, branded and bred, and stripped of their religious and cultural identities. They live the rest of their lives as slaves.

Pastor Chuck established C.O.M.P.A.S. to "declare war on slavery" and other human rights violations starting with Sudan and Mauntania. To that end, he has testified before the U.S. Congress on several occasions and protested before the Sudanese and Mauritanian embassies. He has traveled worldwide -- including Asia, Africa, and the Middle East -- fighting such causes.

Freeing Sudan's slaves may be one of the world's most compelling human-rights

crusades. "I am excited about the prospect of our State Leadership joining the fight against slavery in Sudan. This

will be one more committed step toward putting an end to the atrocities that are commonplace in that nation," says Pastor

Chuck Singleton.

For more information, contact Debra Williams (909) 877-0196

## Gospel Feast and Fashion at Shield of Faith

The Black Voice News

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

In celebration of Black History Month, Shield of Faith in Rancho Cucamonga will be holding their Annual Cultural Gospel Feast and Fashion Show on Saturday, February 12, 2000 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sis. Louise Everett of Shield of Faith, Pomona states: "It's a blessing. There will be gospel performers, praise dancers, a fashion show and brunch."

"It is going to be an excellent

affair. A beautiful affair that all of us Black or White should attend. It's a fundraiser for one of our sister churches in Rancho Cucamonga and we have quite a few talent that will participate," said Sis. Louise Everett.

She continues: "This is our fifth event that we put on every year. It's for a good purpose not to put money in our pockets. It's a nice outing and the food is great."

The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 14635 Baldwin

Park Town Center, Baldwin Park. Tickets for the event are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

For more information, contact Felicia Lyons at (909) 682-6070 or Sis. Louise Everett at (909) 899-4933.

The event is being sponsored by The New Beginnings, a Christian organization whose motto is "making a difference in the lives of others."

## Minister Farrakhan Announces Islamic Conference Set for Feb. 24th

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

The following invitation was released by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan announcing a World Islamic Conference to be held during the Nation of Islam's Saviours' Day celebration Feb. 24-27 in Chicago:

As-Salaam Alaikum.

Dear Muslims,

On the last weekend of February, in the year 2000, we are proposing that an Islamic Family Reunion take place during the Nation of Islam's annual convention. There are many in the United States who have heard the Teachings

of Islam that are taught by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and have benefited much from His Teachings, however, due to some circumstance are not connected to any Mosque or Masjid, but, still hold fast to the principles of Islam. There are many who once followed the Honorable Elijah Muhammad who recognize Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) as the last of the Prophets and

Messengers of Allah and are doing their best to follow the

Teachings of the

Qur'an as exemplified by the Sunnah or Way of Prophet Muhammad.

For the last 22 years I have attempted to rebuild the work of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad because I did not want to see this Noble Man and His Noble Name written out of history because of a misunderstanding of what He taught and why He taught what was taught to Him by the Great Mahdi, Master W. Fard Muhammad. Over 40 Universities of Islam were established under the Leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. These institutions have produced students that are making their mark in every field of human endeavor, and, as Muslims many of us have not seen each other for 20 or 30 years.

Therefore, we are calling for an Islamic Family Reunion of all of those who love Islam, whether from the point of view of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Imam Warith Deen Mohamed, or any of the many schools of thought of the great Islamic Scholars. This coming together will not be for any purpose other than to be inspired by each other;



Minister Louis Farrakhan

to have the spirit of Islam revived in our hearts that we may, if we choose, recommit our lives to the great cause of the establishment of Islam (Peace) in its Pristine Purity in the United States of America and in the Western Hemisphere.

During this weekend, from February 24-27th the World Islamic People's Leadership will have its second Islamic Conference in the United States. Scholars from 22 nations covering the entire Muslim World have been invited and have consented to be our guests at this Islamic Conference.

Scholars and Imams from the United States of America are also being invited. There will be workshops on various subjects that will be addressed by these Islamic Scholars.

The heart of our discussion will be on Islamic Family Life. The theme of the conference is, "Living up to our Responsibility as Muslims in Establishing Islam

in the New Millennium." We are also proposing to have a Jewish, Christian, and Muslim dialogue. We will list the social ills that confront America and the modern world, then, each member of the family of Abraham will address these social ills from their scripture (Torah, Gospel, and Qur'an).

Our hope is that we will realize from these discussions of the Torah, Injil, and Qu'ran that the Revealed Words of Allah (God) 4000, 2000, and 1400 years ago can solve all the social problems that we face today. These discussions will also prove that all of these answers come from One Great Source.

Hopefully, these discussions will lead to a unified effort of the children of Abraham to become a serious force for change in the World in the New Century and Millennium.

Brother Muammar Gadhafi, spiritual leader and revolutionary guide for the Libyan Arab Jamahirryah recently hosted 43 African Heads of State in Sirte, Libya. The focus of this conference was Kwame Nkrumah's vision of a United States of Africa. We have invited Brother Gadhafi to discuss his proposal and its acceptance by the African Heads of State and how the sons and daughters of Africa in the Diaspora may be of service to Africa in making her a great source of strength, not only for African people, but, for the world's people in the next

century.

This will be a live satellite broadcast from Libya on Saturday, February 26th.

On Sunday, February 27th, Allah (God) willing, I will give my address. My address, Insha' Allah, will be broadcast by satellite to the entire world.

I am looking forward to seeing Muslims from all over the world. I am excited about the possibility of the participation of Imam Warith Deen Mohamed. I am also excited about the possibility of the visit of the Imam of Al-Haram, the great Kabah in Mecca, the Grand Sheik of Al-Azhar, the Grand Mufti of Egypt, the Grand Sheik of Pakistan, the Grand Sheik of Kuwait, and the Grand Sheik of Senegal. All will participate, Insha' Allah, in the Jumah Prayer service on Friday, the 25th of February. All Muslims, whatever their nationality, racial, or ethnic identity are welcome to participate in this historic gathering. Please watch for the list of workshops and scholars who will be presenting their points of view based on the Qur'an, and the Hadith.

All of the public is invited to attend any of the events of our convention.

I am looking forward to such a potentially great gathering and conference. I pray that Allah will bless us to make the necessary steps toward the unity of the entire Islamic Family.

As-Salaam Alaikum

I Am Your Brother and Servant, The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan Servant to the Lost-Found Nation of Islam in the West

## Women Uniting to the Glory of God

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

The Inland Empire Women's Conference will be uniting again on February 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. nightly at Tabernacle Church located at 1168 N. Waterman Avenue in San Bernardino.

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For more information, please call Carolyn Harris or Candace Shields at Tabernacle Church (909) 888-7188.

## Christmas Day Feeding of Homeless Thank Yous

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

By Barbara Jenkins

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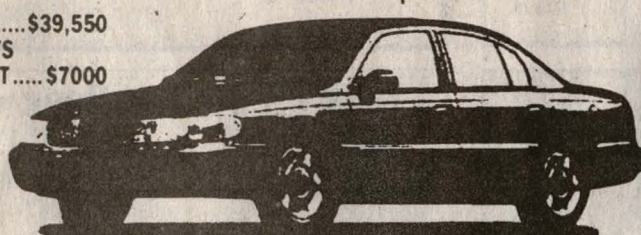


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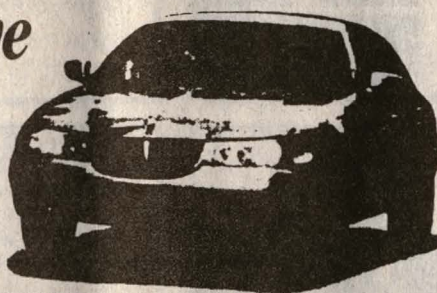
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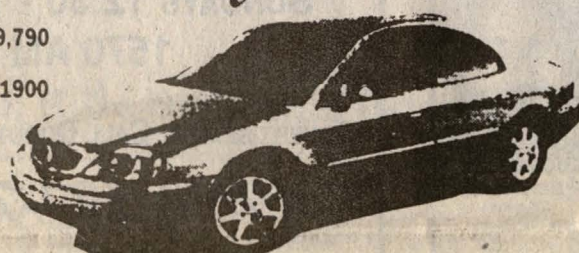
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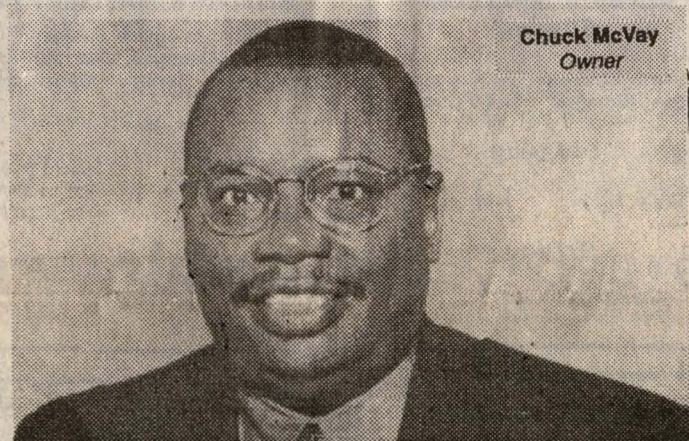


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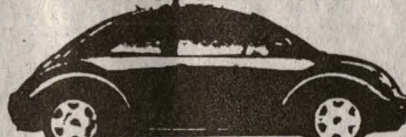


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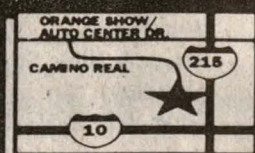
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Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday brought out the best and the worst in America.

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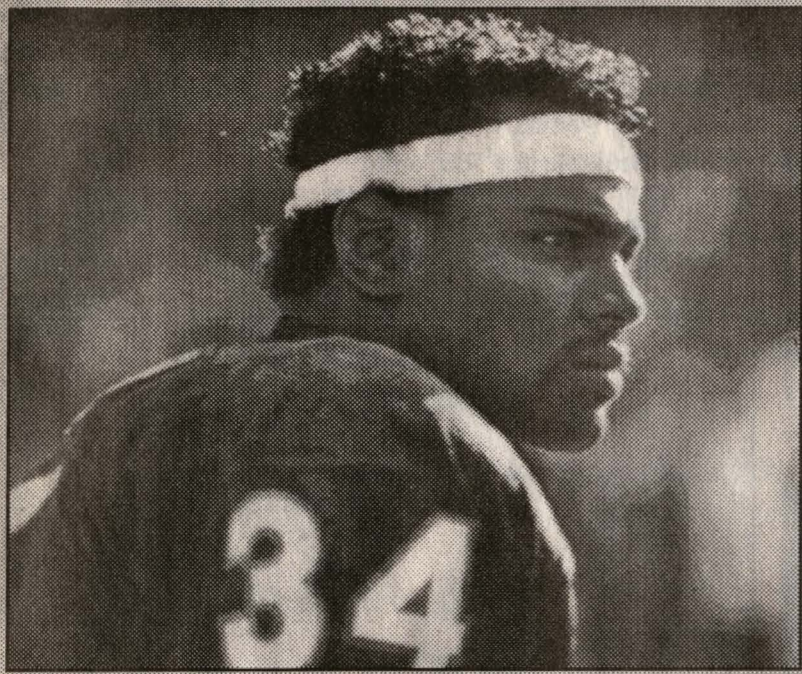
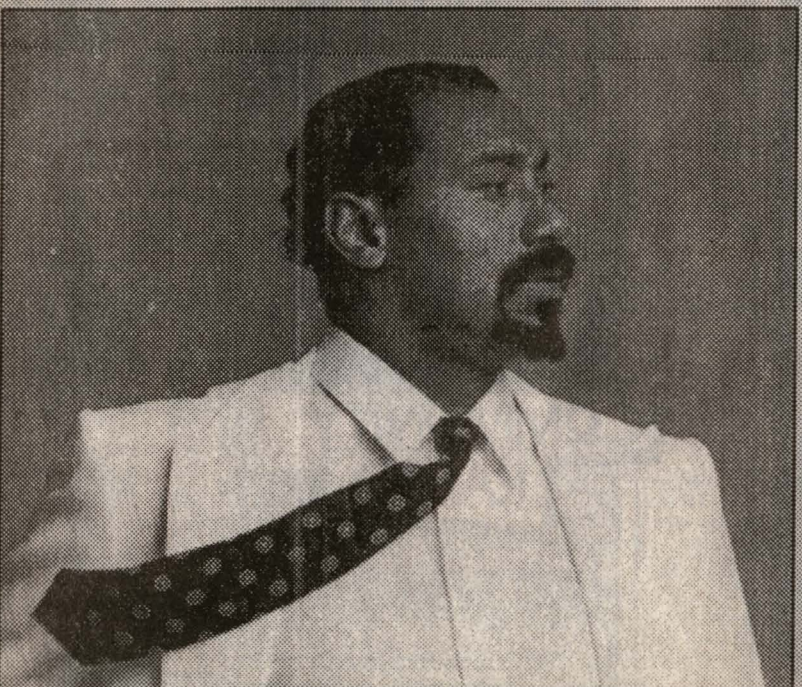


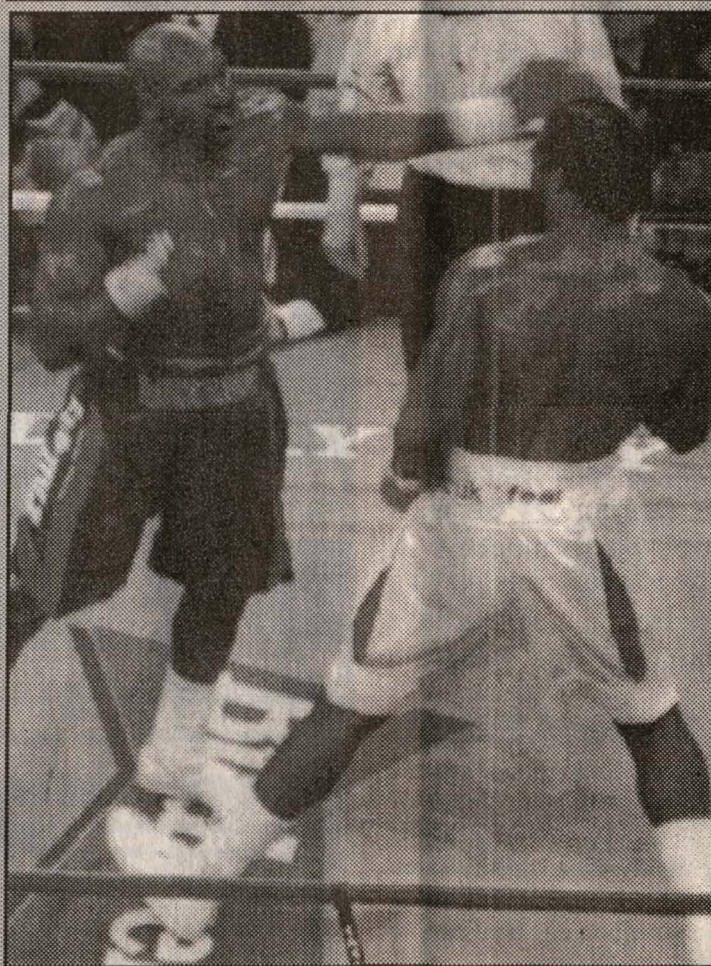
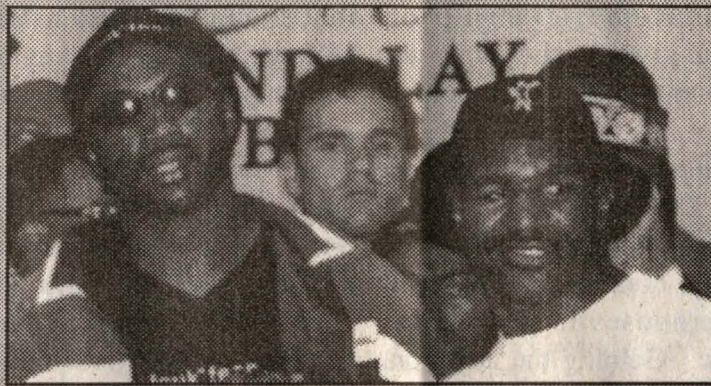
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**ALL-TIME RUSHING RECORD HOLDER:** Walter Payton has been remembered by his friends more for the kind of person he was, than his football prowess.



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**BIG MAN:** Wilt "the Stilt" Chamberlain, who once scored 100 points in a game, averaged 50 points per game for an entire season and even led the NBA in assist one season, died in 1999.



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**BATTLE ROYAL:** Evander Holyfield (l) overcame his size disadvantage by leaping and attacking his bigger foe. Still, Lewis took the title back to British soil for the first time in 70 years.

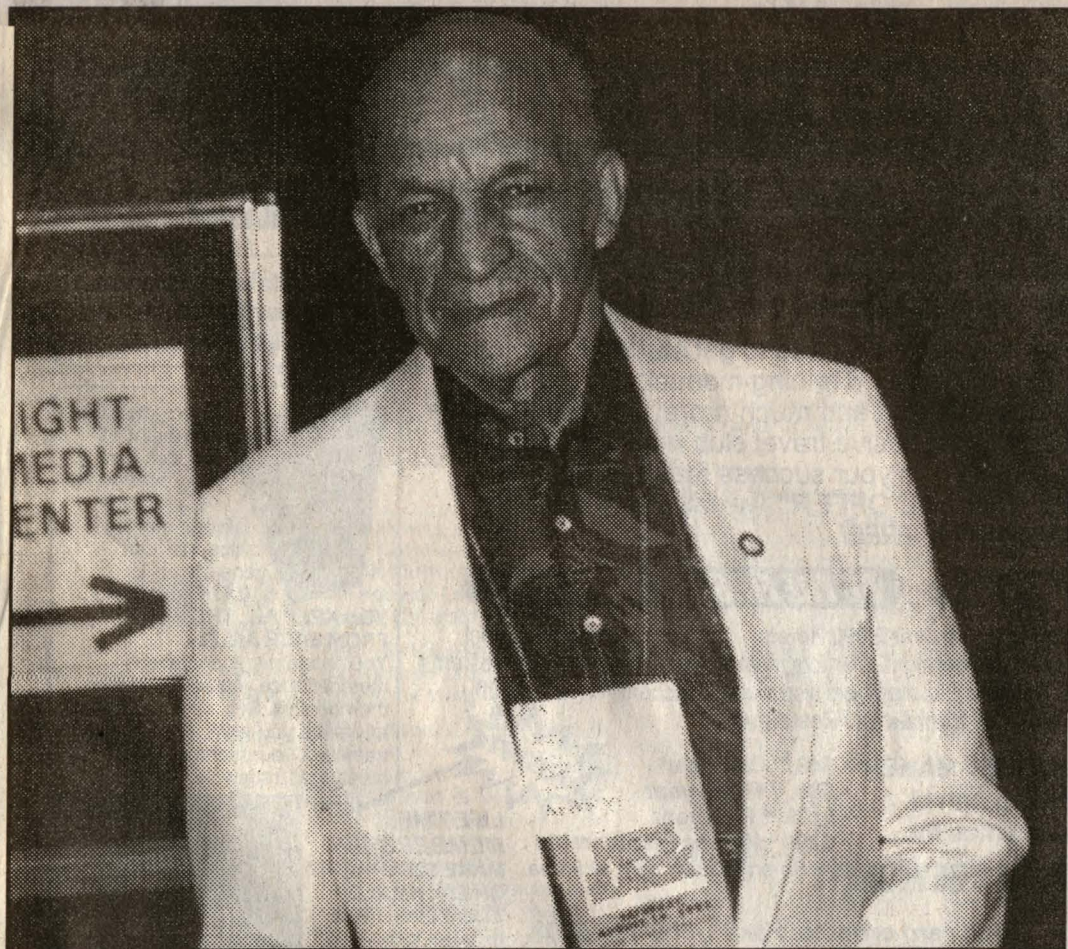


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**TUTORED UNDER THE BEST:** Legendary coach John B. McLendon was the first African-American elected to the Hall of Fame, the first to win a NAIA title and the first black professional coach, died in 1999. In 1936, he studied under the tutelage of the acknowledged inventor of basketball, Dr. James Naismith, who was a professor at Kansas during the time McLendon attended the school.



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**HISTORY MAKER:** Stanford coach Tyrone Willingham (r) was the first African-American to coach a team to a Rose Bowl berth.

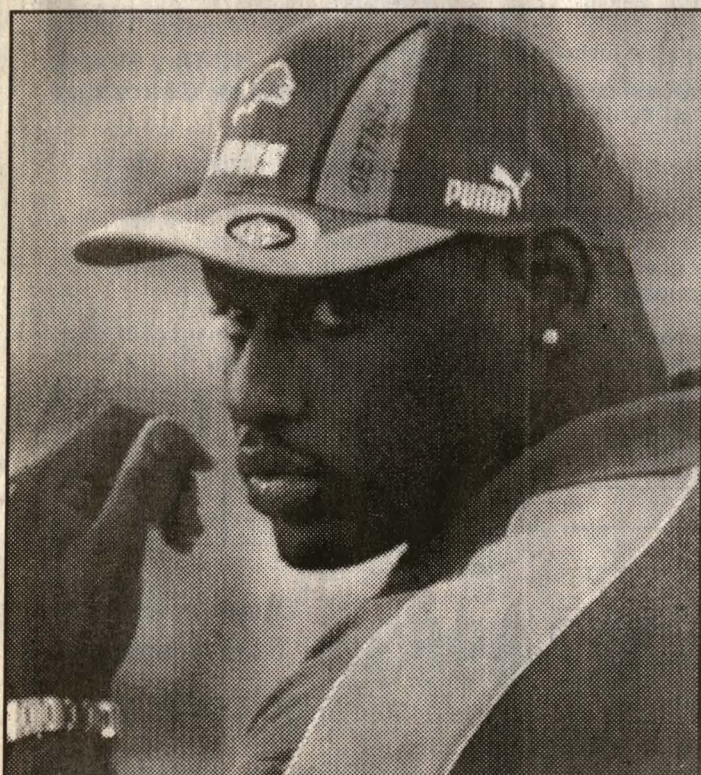


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**ROARING LION:** Former USC All-American and Riverside North star, Chris Claiborne, now a starting linebacker for the Detroit Lions, helped lead them into the NFL Playoffs.

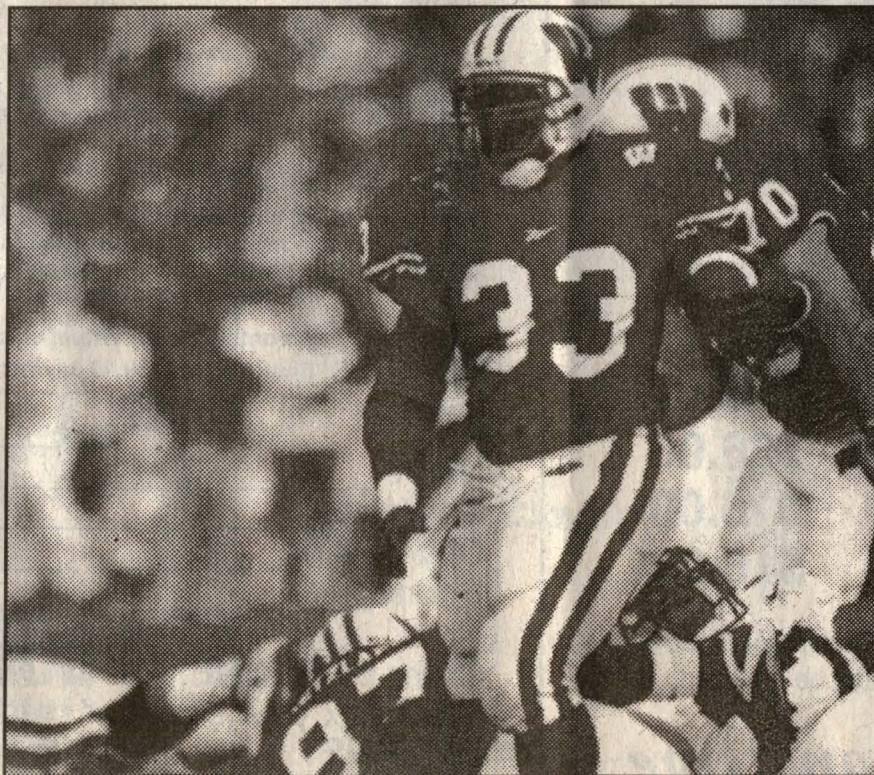


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**MVP:** Wisconsin's Heisman winning running back, Ron Dayne (#33), ran for 200 yards against Stanford and in the process won his second consecutive Rose Bowl MVP Award.

## Sporting Stein's Way

### For many, Rocker's comments ain't no big deal, its "normal"

Famed Congresswoman, Shirley Chisolm, wrote in her book *Unbought and Unbossed* (1970): "Racism is so universal in this country, so widespread, and deep-seated, that it is invisible because it is so normal."

Mentally perusing Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebrations throughout America, I was left feeling like a living breathing oxymoron!

As I watched close to 50,000 people in Columbia, South Carolina march against that state's steadfast hoisting of the Confederate flag high atop the South Carolina Statehouse building, I felt King's legacy was indeed alive and vibrant. Those that marched protested the flag is a symbol of slavery, human degradation and racism.

On the other hand, the day before King's national day, CNN showed almost as many white people, garbed in dingy gray Civil War style confederate uniforms, enthusiastically matching down Columbia's main streets with rifles comfortably and proudly resting on their "I'm in the right" shoulders.

Chisolm's words written in 1970 seemed eerily applicable to today's challenges.

How can people who inhabit many of the same schools, interact together on the same fields of play, bleed the same color red and deliver new life into the world through women in exactly the same manner... yet, look at the world through such different prisms?

For affirmation of this complex thought, look no further than the Atlanta Braves embattled pitcher John Rocker.

Rocker has proven his personal prejudices are "invisible," even to himself, "because it is so normal."

The Carolina flag debate and Rocker's infamous comments are perfect examples of how, even in the face of the reality of a situation, individuals can choose to see whatever they want to see!

Rocker, hurrying down a crowded New York street with a *Sports Illustrated* reporter sitting in the car with him, unleashed this tidbit of information: "So many dumb #@#\* don't know how to drive in this town. They turn from the wrong lane. They go 20 miles per hour. It makes me want -- Look! Look at this idiot! I guarantee you she's a Japanese woman." A beige Toyota was jerking from lane to lane. The woman at the wheel is a white lady.

No matter that the woman was white, he continued: "How bad are Asian women at driving?"

Again... Martin Luther King Jr.'s day made me feel like a living breathing oxymoron!

I was elated the multitudes -- black, green, white, yellow -- celebrated King's life with peaceful vigils from New York to Riverside to Colorado Springs to Atlanta to Detroit.

However, I was reminded that we still have a long way to go as the U.S. Justice Department noted that civil rights cases concerning discrimination have increased two-fold in the past few years, and, even more dangerous is the recent report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities that the gap between rich and poor has increased measurably since 1970. Although this negative affects lower middle class whites even more than blacks, the finger of blame always seems to shift to minorities as the root cause for unemployed whites.

Rocker, once again, echoed the deep-seated feeling of many as he unleashed this tirade in the same *Sports Illustrated* article:

On ever playing for a New York team: "Imagine having to take the [Number] 7 train to the ballpark, looking like you're [riding through] Beirut next to some kid with purple hair next to some queer with AIDS right next to some dude who just got out of jail for the fourth time right next to some 20-year-old mom with four kids. It's depressing."

"The biggest thing I don't like about New York are the foreigners. I'm not a very big fan of foreigners. You can walk an entire block in Times Square and not hear anybody speaking English. Asians and Koreans and Vietnamese and Indians and Russians and Spanish people and everything up there. How the hell did they get in this country?"

Rocker later apologized for saying those nasty things about foreigners, gays and nearly everybody else in the universe that didn't resemble the person he sees every morning in the mirror.

Still, he must face a Braves' team that could have six of its eight everyday players from the ethnic backgrounds that Rocker ripped in *Sports Illustrated*.

How does he explain away his calling an overweight Black teammate "a fat monkey." Or when asked about Latrell Sprewell, who grabbed his coach, P.J. Carlesimo, by the throat two years ago, Rocker let out a snarl of disgust: "That guy should've been arrested, and instead he's playing basketball. Why do you think that is? Do you think if he was Keith Van Horn -- who happens to be White -- they'd let him back? No way."

He continued with apparent conviction: "I'm not a racist or prejudiced person, but certain people bother me."

Maybe Rocker is not a racist, just a self described redneck. Maybe he's just "normal" and represents a larger portion of America than many of us believed still exist -- or prays dose not exist. As Chisolm noted, much of the prejudice in America has become "invisible" and has lulled many into deceitful trustworthiness.

Maybe Rocker's comments and South Carolina's refusal to understand the message the confederate flag has for many Blacks, can be looked at as a positive.

African-Americans recently have settled into a sleep or calm about the reality of the beliefs of many of this country's populace. Rocker's "normal" inner feelings is a reenlightenment for this writer and many across America, too.



LELAND STEIN III



**HEELING???:** Braves' pitcher John Rocker (c), former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young (l) and Braves executive Hank Aaron meet in Atlanta. Aaron called Rocker's comments "sick" but softened his position after a hour-long meeting with the pitcher.



## Powerhouse Percussionists Perform at Cerritos Friday



Doudou N'Diaye Rose

The Black Voice News

### CERRITOS

Hailed as "the greatest living percussionist in the world," Doudou N'Diaye Rose brings the celebrated Drummers of West Africa to the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts for an 8 p.m. concert Friday, January 21.

Known to mainstream audiences for their work with such legendary rock, jazz and contemporary musicians as

the Rolling Stones, Miles Davis and Peter Gabriel, the

### Independent Pilot Filmed in Inland Empire

Digital Madness Productions is producing an independent science fiction pilot titled "Central Enforcement."

Shooting is underway for this unique Inland Empire production. The creative production team, along with a cast of several dozen, is in Studio 19 and on location throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

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company from Senegal has been said to exemplify the dynamic musicianship of percussive music in traditional and contemporary song.

Doudou N'Diaye Rose and the Drummers of West Africa, all members of Rose's family, continue to reign as powerhouses in percussive music. Gaining the attention of non-traditional audiences, Rose was selected by the Rolling Stones to open their landmark "Steel Wheels" tour and also performed as the opening attraction of the 50th annual Cannes Film Festival. The ensemble and its leader/founder also appear regularly with the Japanese drum company Kodo and frequently present seminars in the art of percussive music.

The Drummers of West Africa's performance will include 35 musicians playing authentic Senegalese instruments. Program

selections will include "Baifall," featuring the Khine instrument as well as the M'Balax which is the rhythm section played by the "Lamb" and the "Meung Meung," "The Rosettes" which feature such instruments as the Sabars plus the M'Balax rhythm section; and the "Saouroubas" which features the Saouroubas, Assicotss,

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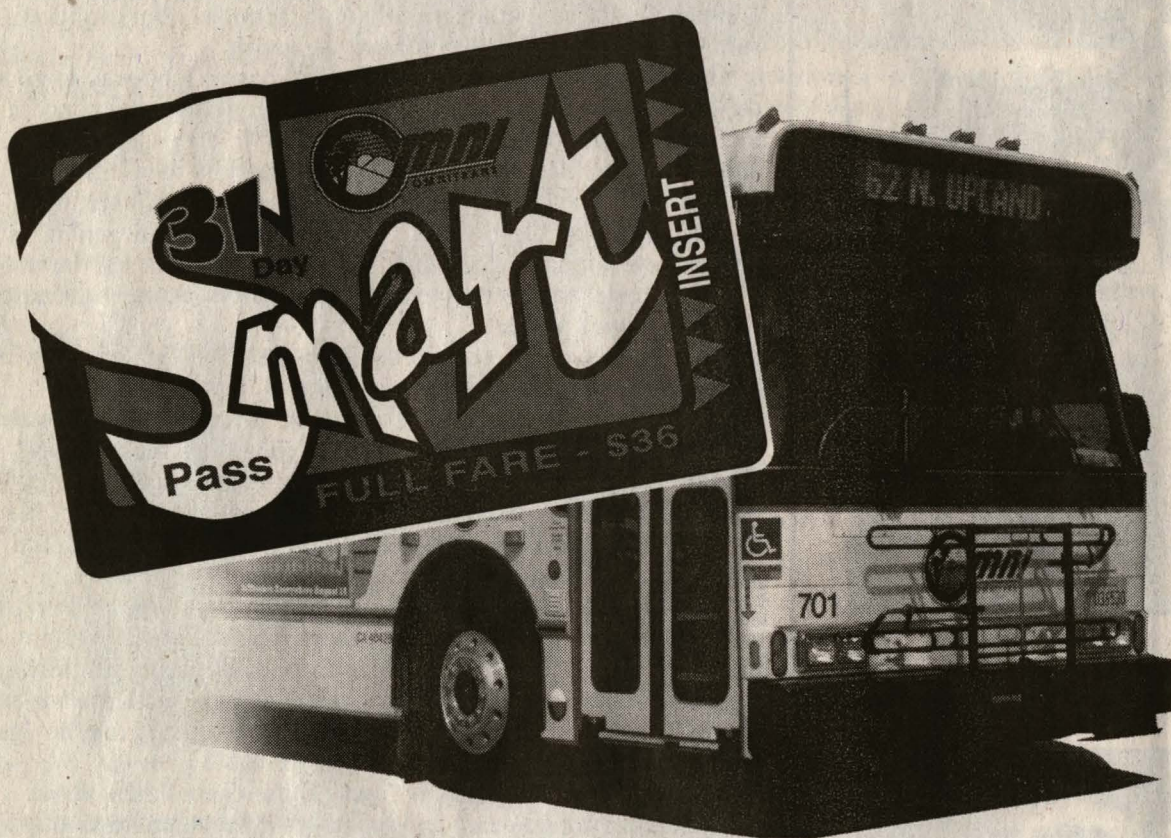
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Joe Beaver organizer of MLK celebration and Amalia DeAztlán Coachella Valley activist.



Edward Joseph

## PALM SPRINGS

Marchers marched quietly on the streets of Palm Springs as people of all races and ages several blocks with approval from passerbys in cars and sitting in the cafes. Signs extolling the attributes of Dr. King were carried and every once and a while, a civil rights song broke out. That was Sunday afternoon. By Monday, the holiday celebrations were in full force in the San Bernardino and Riverside areas of the Inland Empire.

In a program commemorating the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday for the 16th year a diverse crowd heard a resolution read, songs and a message that stressed -- memory. Celebration and action stated keynote speaker Edward Joseph a member of the Federal Holiday Commission. Joseph gave the audience a quick history lesson stating that four days after King's assassination, the bill to make his birthday a holiday was introduced by John Conyers, Congressman from Detroit. It did not become a holiday until 1983 almost twenty years after his death. The last leg of the

long fight came when singer Stevie Wonder recorded the song Happy Birthday to King. He pointed out that the Georgia Legislature turned down a bill to make King's birthday a holiday nine times.

After the passage, Mrs. King commissioned the government to regulate the appropriate way to celebrate her late husband's holiday.

Joseph pointed out that "today schools do not teach tolerance of each other or non-violence. Many students bring guns to school yet we do not invoke the teaching of King. We have many problems involving race in our community, yet we do not invoke the teaching of King. King was about patriotism not racism. All is not well in Coachella Valley. Many of the people needing to be here are not here and some came and left early." He was chiding elected officials in the area.

Joseph said, "King taught us the greatest lesson of greatness is to serve. King was more than a dreamer, he was a servant. King was a man of action. In our community we have become a closed up gated community. This is not the dream of King."

He continued: "in the Book of Revelation, John tells us of a New Jerusalem. One that problems of racism will not be present. We must act; you cannot get to second base with your feet planted on first. If you don't like your lot in life, then build a service station on it." The program concluded with refreshments in the social hall of Our Lady of Solitude Catholic Church. Joseph Beaver the founder was pleased with the turnout of 115 marchers and close to 200 audience participants.

## SAN BERNARDINO CELEBRATIONS

Monday began with an early breakfast at the Kola Shanana where nineteen years ago this annual celebration began with the guest speaker was Rev. Manual Scott, Jr. This year, a crowd of over three hundred were served breakfast. The guest speaker was Rev. Ray Turner of Temple Missionary Baptist Church and his topic centered on the dream of Martin Luther King. Turner said, "I too have a dream that is rooted in King's dream which was

## SAN BERNARDINO/RIALTO



County Supervisor Jerry Eaves presents certificate to Ann Porter and Willie Porter



Congressman Joe Baca presents certificate to Willie Porter.



Rev. Penni Sweetenberg-Lee



Rev. Ray Turner, pastor Temple Missionary Baptist Church



Assemblyman John Longville presents Black History CD to Hattie Inge, president of Rialto Black Historical Society.

rooted in the dream of Christ." He cited areas of responsibilities of African Americans. "When you look at the drive by shootings, this is not what King had in mind. When you review the out of wedlock births in our community, this is not what King had in mind. When you have unequal opportunity in employment, this is not what King had in mind."

## RIVERSIDE CELEBRATION

The celebration continued in Riverside with a walkathon that began at Bordwell Park, down Martin Luther King Blvd., and concluded at his statue in front of City Hall. There, speakers reflected on the presence of King's life on us today. His vision of everyone being treated equal and having the same opportunity to reach their

dreams. The presence of the mayor and several members of the city council indicates the efforts of the city too easy the racial divide in the city. For the past year, many demonstrations have brought national attention from the shooting of Tyisha Miller on December 28, 1998. Two children of the late Martin Luther King have visited Riverside and Martin Luther King, III was jailed in protest of Tyisha Miller's murder by four White police officers. Martin's daughter, Rev. Bernice King was in Riverside to dedicate a statue to the slain religious civil rights leader. Her visit was just three weeks after her brother was arrested and put in jail. A year before that, some members of the community had objected to the naming of a high school in honor of King. However, unlike the city elected leadership, the Riverside School Board took decisive action and never retreated from their decision to name the school.

The highlight of the annual event was the courage of Fannie Jackson to walk the distance from Bordwell Park to City Hall. Some would say, what's the big deal, lots of people make the trip. The difference is Fannie does it with the aide of her walker. Fannie has a walking disability. Many people make up excuses not to walk. Fannie looks for a reason to walk. As Fannie was introduced to the crowd of over two hundred that gathered in front of City Hall, she walked up the steps without assistance. When she took to the microphone, she said, "The race is not won by the swift but those who endure to the end." This is her third year enduring this trip that takes her over two hours.

## RIALTO CELEBRATIONS

The Rialto Black History Committee heard Rev. Penny Sweetenberg-Lee as their guest speaker, or if you were there she preceeded. Rev. Lee gave the

audience a superb recap of African history and its importance to our people and the role of Martin Luther King, Jr. situated in the long line of great Black Americans. She surprised the crowd with some local Blacks that she thought exemplified the life of King's dream. Rev. Lee challenged the people to take a journey from the low places in life and go to the hillside. On the hillside the air is cleaner and the living is easy.

Long time community resident Willie Porter was honored for his devotion and contributions to our country and community. Porter served with the Tenth Calvary Regiment in North Africa and the invasion in Italy. Porter has been active in local politics and served on the San Bernardino County Central Democratic Committee. He also was an active member of the Inland Empire Black Democratic Club. It was at Willie Porter's house that the letter was drafted to prevent the city of San Bernardino from taking the council seat from the late Ralph Hernandez when he instituted a write-in vote for the third ward seat. The letter was released to the Sun Newspaper, it requested the Attorney General to conduct an investigation. Because of that letter, the city stopped finding absentee ballots in an unlocked safe at City Hall.

Willie Porter was presented resolutions and certificates for his service to not only Rialto but to the entire Inland Empire.

These celebrations to honor King continue to keep the dream alive thirty-two years after his death.



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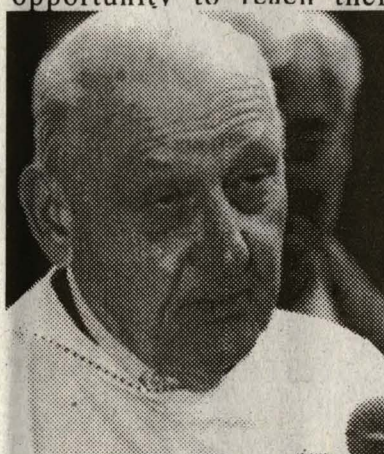
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Fannie Jackson



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Sylvia Martin presents Katherine Grainger award for church with largest committed amount, 2nd Baptist.



## What's Going On 'Round Town

**January 8-29th**, Mark Greenfield: Iconography, will be featured at Mt. San Jacinto Fine Arts Gallery. Greenfield is an artist and also the Director of Watts Tower Art Center in Los Angeles. For more information contact Lucinda Luvaas at (909) 487-6752 x. 1531.

**January 24**, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Herbert R. Fischer, Ph.D. invites the public to the First Annual State of Education Address at Norman F. Feldheim Central Library, Bing Wong Auditorium, 555 W. Sixth Street, San Bernardino.

**January 24 - February 10**, Photo Images 2000, presented by Riverside Community College, Art Gallery Exhibition will be held in the A.G. Paul Quadrangle, 4800 Magnolia Avenue. For more information and Gallery hours contact (909) 222-8494.

**February 2**, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., The American Sewing Guild will present Australian born fabric artist Jayne Butler, at an all-day seminar. Patton Auditorium, 3102 E. Highland Avenue. AGS members ticket price is \$15 pre sale, \$20 at the door. Non-members \$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door. For tickets contact (909) 864-5235 or (909) 371-7239.

**February 7, 8**, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Kimberla Lawson Roby, author of "Casting the First Stone," published in January, 2000 by Kensington Hardcover, will be reading from and signing her new book at Esowon, 3655 South La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles and Zahra's Books-N-Things, 900 N. La Brea Blvd., Inglewood. For more information, contact James Fugate at (213) 294-0324 or Jim at Zahara's (310) 330-1300.

**February 10-12, 2000**, Youthquake presents "The Eleventh Hour 2000" at the Hyatt Regency Alicante, 100 Plaza Alicante, Garden Grove. Special guests speakers will include Eld. Marvin Sapp, Elder C. Shawn Tyson, and Bishop Norman L. Wagner. Registration including hotel room is \$75 per person for one night, \$120 per person for two nights and \$165 per person for three nights. A non-refundable deposit of \$40.00 is due by December 19. For more information, contact Youthquake Headquarters at 1175 W. Foothill Blvd., Rialto or 1-877-260-8068 ext. 700.

**February 19**, 10:00 a.m., Riverside's 21st annual Black History Parade and Expo "A New Millennium - A Shared Community" sponsored by the City of Riverside and the Black History Month Committee of Riverside.

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Toni Malone

Classes are scheduled Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-9:10 p.m. For more information, call (909) 955-4903.

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## Dickens Festival Begins Feb. 4th

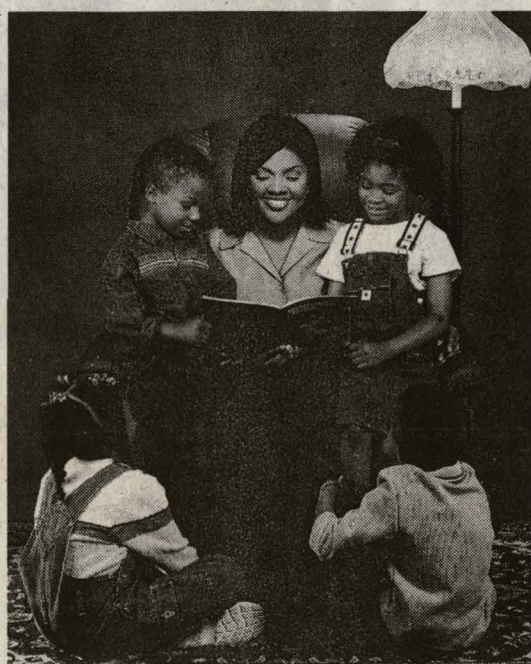


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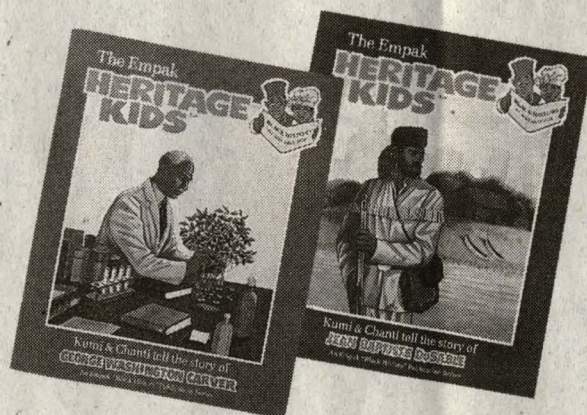
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mailing address:  
7284 Lenox Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92504  
  
Richard Allen Wrench  
7284 Lenox Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92504

This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/95.  
s/...Allen Wrench  
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Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 12/20/99.  
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GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 998786  
p.1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**THE NEW MILLENNIUM OUT-REACH FACILITY**  
16100 Rancho Del Lago  
Moreno Valley, CA 92551

Gertia Rose Lopez  
16100 Rancho Del Lago  
Moreno Valley, CA 92551

Peter Daniel Davison  
24243 Rimview Rd.  
Moreno Valley, CA 92557

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Gertia Rose Lopez  
Business Phone: (909) 601-0217.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/04/2000.  
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GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000049  
p.1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**JUSTIANIAN ENTERPRISES**  
6920 Paladora Lane  
Riverside, CA 92509  
  
Justine (NMN) Briggs  
6920 Paladora Lane  
Riverside, CA 92509

This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fic-

tious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Justine Briggs  
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GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000069  
p.1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**OFF THE WALL MUSIC**  
10117 Hole Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92503

Donald Jerry Watson  
3734 Hoover Street  
Riverside, CA 92504

This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Donald Jerry Watson  
Business Phone: (909) 351-6910.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/04/2000.  
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GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000067  
p.1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**BLUE TANGERINE GRAPHICS**  
340 Kilworth Drive  
Corona, CA 92882-6383  
  
Forest Carroll Holloway  
340 Kilworth Drive  
Corona, CA 92882-6383

This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on December 7, 1999.  
s/...Forest Holloway  
Business Phone: (909) 520-0150.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 12/15/99.  
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GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 998864  
p.1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**B & B TRUCKING**  
5887 Rutile  
Riverside, CA 92509

Deanna Mae Miller  
5887 Rutile  
Riverside, CA 92509

This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Deanna M. Miller  
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Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 12/13/99.  
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GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 998608  
p.1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**PYRO PROMOTIONS**  
6655 Palm Avenue #76  
Riverside, CA 92506

Herbert Edward Bailey  
6655 Palm Avenue #76  
Riverside, CA 92506

Christopher James Fernandez  
10621 Pendleton Street

Riverside, CA 92505

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Chris Fernandez  
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Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/03/00.  
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GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000035  
p.1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**UNIVERSAL DEVELOPMENT**  
3780 Addicott Circle  
Corona, CA 92881

Moy Laun Allen  
3780 Addicott Circle  
Corona, CA 92881

This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Moy W. Allen  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/06/00.  
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GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000151  
p.1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**LIFTING UP JESUS MINISTRIES**  
Post Office Box 8596  
Moreno Valley, CA 92552  
  
Essie Lee Wells  
24240 Bay Avenue  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Elwin (NMN) Wells  
24240 Bay Avenue  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband & Wife.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Essie L. Wells  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/05/00.  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000106  
p.1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

County Clerk - County of Riverside, 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, California 92507  
Mailing - P.O. Box 751, Riverside, CA 92502-0751

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name: **A. A. Andrew Drain Service** located at **7101 Jurupa Avenue - Riverside, CA 92504** has been abandoned by the following person(s): **Zenaida James - 7101 Jurupa Avenue - Riverside, CA 92504.**

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 11/13/1995. This business was conducted by an Individual.  
s/...Zenaida James  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on date indicated by file stamp above.  
FILE NO. R-957639  
Dated: 01/07/00

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**INSPIRED CREATIONS**  
15880 Ninya Avenue  
Moreno Valley, CA 92551

Sylvia Viola Reed  
15880 Ninya Avenue  
Moreno Valley, CA 92551

This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Sylvia V. Reed  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/10/00.  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000226  
p.1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**LIA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**  
10051 Magnolia Ave. Ste. A  
Riverside, CA 92505  
mailing address:  
P. O. Box 8642  
Riverside, CA 92515  
  
Rogelia NMN Cortez  
11157 Norwood Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92505

This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband & Wife.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Rogelia Cortez  
Business Phone: (909) 353-8165.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 12/27/99.  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 998917  
p.1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**4 WINERIES.COM**  
4136 Tenth Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

Showwer Corporation  
4136 Tenth Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

This business is conducted by an Corporation.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Lisa D. Showwer, President  
LLC/AI#2002107  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/11/00.  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000246  
p.1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**CORA'S NEW SOUTHERN CAFE**  
**HOSPITALITY BUSINESS RESOURCES**  
12190 Perris Blvd. - Unit A  
Moreno Valley, CA 92557  
mailing address:  
14298 Sandcastle Court  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Cora's L.L.C.  
14298 Sandcastle Court  
Moreno Valley, CA 92557

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company/Partnership.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Shedric Wallace, Jr., Manager  
LLC/AI#19936310135  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of

another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/10/00.  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000221  
p.1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**FURNITURE 2000**  
4533 LaSierra Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92505

Tim Quang Tat  
138 W. Sinus Avenue  
Anaheim, CA 92802

This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...Tim Q. Tat  
LLC/AI#C2311469  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/10/00.  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000230  
p.1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**SPOTS-B-GONE CARPET CARE**  
1470 Satinwood Ct.  
Riverside, CA 92501  
  
Bruce Simmons  
1470 Satinwood Ct.  
Riverside, CA 92501

This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/97, San Bernardino County.  
s/...Bruce Simmons  
Business Phone: (800) 894-1782.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/12/00.  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000276  
p.1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**BILLY-LEE BUSINESS SERVICE**  
3870 La Sierra Ave. #343  
Riverside, CA 92505

William Lee Strapp  
4000 Pierce Street  
Riverside, CA 92505

This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
s/...William Lee Strapp  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 12/30/99.  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 998994  
p.1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

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Mailing - P.O. Box 751, Riverside, CA 92502-0751

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name: **Main St. Market & Deli** located at **881 N. Main St. Riverside, CA 92501** has been abandoned by the following person(s): **Song Chae Kim**

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in

Riverside County on 12/13/99. This business was conducted by an Individual.  
s/...Song Chae Kim  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on date indicated by file stamp above.  
FILE NO. 998613  
#99198  
Dated: 01/12/00.

Name, Address & Telephone No. of Attorney or Petitioner Appearing in Person:  
**Reginald G. Muhammad**  
24782 Nevin Pl.  
Moreno Valley, CA 92557

In re. The Change of Name of **Reginald Glenn Muhammad**

**Case # 337367**  
Petitioner, **Reginald G. Muhammad**, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for an order changing petitioner's name from **Reginald Glenn Muhammad** to **Riyadh Abdul-Habib Muhammad**

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on 3/13/00 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 5 at the location checked above and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in the following newspaper: **Black Voice**, a newspaper of general circulation published in Riverside, County, California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.  
Dated: 1/6/00  
Judge: **Charles J. Field**  
p.1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**REAL CAR DEALS**  
14073 Meadowlands Drive  
Riverside, CA 92503-9723

Paul Richard Labine  
14073 Meadowlands Drive  
Riverside, CA 92503-9723

Sandra Diane Labine  
14073 Meadowlands Drive  
Riverside, CA 92503-9723

This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband & Wife.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

s/...Paul Richard Labine  
Business Phone: (909) 780-7744  
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Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 01/13/00.  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk  
FILE NO. 000327  
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## Annual Reports Shows Partnership for Children are Working

The Black Voice News

### SAN BERNARDINO

Two things have happened in San Bernardino County in recent years that should come as good news to those who care about our children.

An array of partnerships and

programs established through the County's Children's Network have been hard at work addressing major threats to the well being of the County's young people.

And during the same time, fewer abused and neglected children have

needed the services of the County's Department of Children's Services, teen births have declined, the school dropout rate is down, and there has been a sharp decrease in the number of preventable deaths among children and youth. And this

has occurred while the County's population has grown.

The relationship between the County becoming a safer place for our children and the work being done by County agencies, community groups, faith-based

organizations, the business community and individual citizens is the focus of the newly released Children's Network of San Bernardino County 1999 Annual Report.

"Significant, positive outcomes for children and youth in San Bernardino County can only be achieved through partnership," said Children's Network Officer Kent Paxton. "The Children's Network promotes and supports those partnerships."

The Network was designed in 1986 by Judge Patrick Morris to study and coordinate children's services within the County. Partnerships established through the Network bring together the various County agencies that provide services to children, including Social Services, Public Health, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Probation, the County Superintendent of Schools, and a host of others. Components of the network also include community organizations, businesses, the religious community to focus on policy solutions, delivery of services, fund-raising, legislation, child care

and child development and family support and preservation.

One example of hard work paying off in a positive outcome for our County's young people occurred in the area of teen pregnancy.

The effects of teen pregnancy are far-reaching. Approximately \$6 billion in state and federal money is spent each year on public services for families started by teen parents. Also, teen mothers are less likely than other women to receive adequate prenatal care, which leads to low birth weight and premature births. And females cite pregnancy and parenting as a major reason for dropping out of school.

From 1993 through 1997, the most recent year for which statistics are available, the birth rate for girls aged 12 through 17 in San Bernardino County has dropped 23 percent.

During that time, the Children's Network has worked with the San Bernardino County Public Health Department and the Loma Linda University School of Public Health to use federal dollars in a collaborative effort to reduce teen pregnancy.

### Ex-Cop Speaks for Embattled Rodriguez

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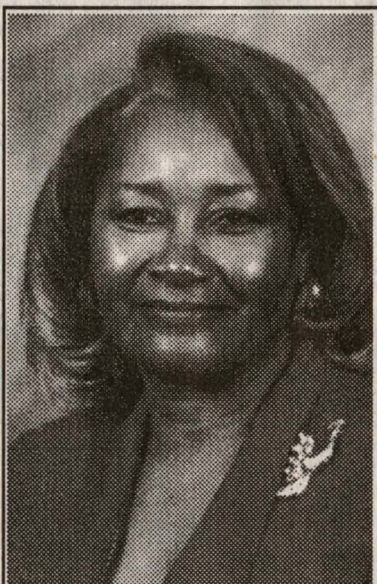
process of placing the community accountability panel initiative on the November 2000 ballot. 15,000 valid signatures are required from registered voters who reside within the city limits of Riverside to put it on the ballot. People getting involved in the initiative process will send "an unmistakable message to the mayor and City Council," Lewis said.

The Police Oversight Panel, appointed by City Council as part of

the recommendations set forward by the Use of Force Panel, will hold its final meeting tonight before presenting its report to the Council on January 25 at 6:30 p.m. Three different models of police oversight will be recommended for review by the Council.

Torres hopes that the motto for police officers in the future will be police accountability means safe communities. "Other officers are willing to come forward and they need us as a safety net," he said.

### Toni Speaks



Toni Jackson-Williams

On last Thursday morning, The Group was pleased to have as its key speaker, Councilman Ameal Moore of the 2nd Ward. Councilman Moore gave us an outstanding presentation on some of the events that have been going on in the city and his active participation in them. Unfortunately he was the only council person who spoke out in defense of Police Chief Carroll. What a loss this chief will be to the city.

Another outstanding person in attendance was Lois Carson who is the Executive Director of the Community Action Agency. She gave us much needed information about some very outstanding Black organizations in this city and surrounding areas. Often times we think that nothing is being done in the community simply because we are not privy to the information.

For instance: Ron Odem an African American is running for Congress against Mary Bono. He lives in Temecula and we wish him the best. Jim Busby, another African American and former Mayor of Victorville is now running for the 1st District Supervisor of San Bernardino County. Here's hoping that as BAPAC starts to grow we will be able to support some of these candidates financially. Get your membership now! Only \$25 per year/\$35 for a family membership.

By the way! BAPAC is interested in getting all the political information and other relative details of this city, to those of you who are interested. We will be receiving more details from our BAPAC State Chapters. However, it will be an email newsletter. Send me your email addresses and I'll add you to the list. Hope to start this up shortly. My email address is ToniSpeaks@aol.com. Please pass the word.

You can imagine my surprise as

I drove down Arlington Avenue last week, looked up to my right as I passed the Riverside Municipal Airport and saw on the billboard "The Confederate Air Force Flying Clinic. I could not believe my eyes, therefore, I had to turn around to check the other side. Sure enough big as life same thing on the other side. With my nose totally out of joint and thinking, here we are trying to get rid of this stupid flag in South Carolina and now the whole confederate air force is invading Riverside.

I then called to ask just what this was all about and was informed that it is a yearly

meeting of stunt pilots who fly old WWII airplanes. Apparently this group is being welcomed with open arms if they choose to do this on a yearly basis. Well I guess that's what makes us the "All American City".

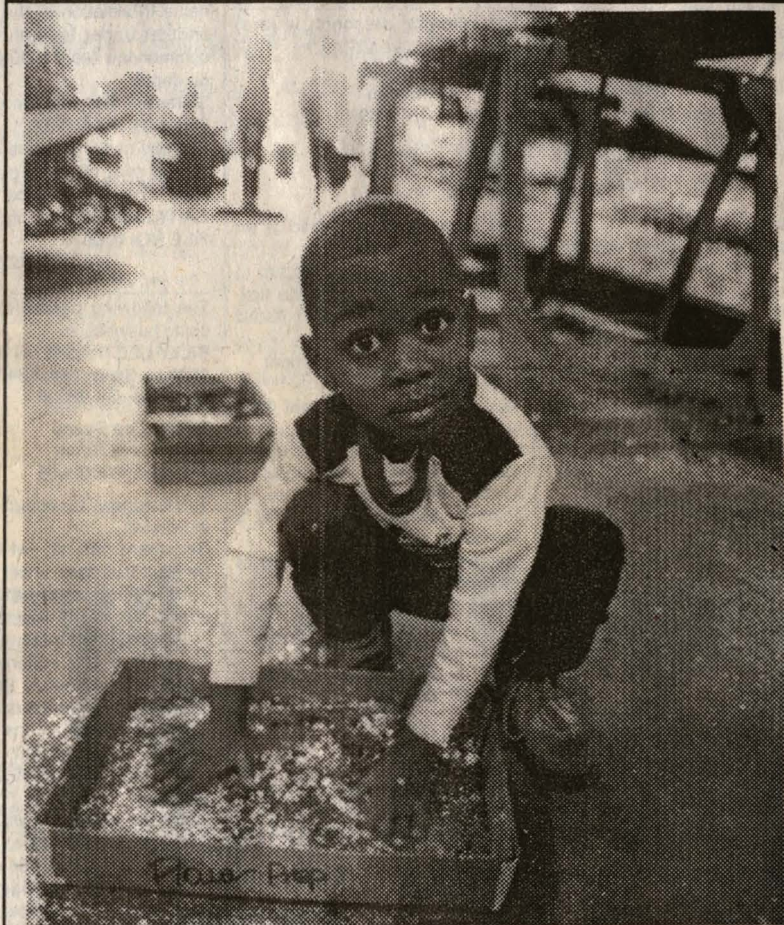
Yeah right!

The International Relations Council's Sister Cities Organization will have their Installation of Officers dinner on January 27, at the Parkview Hospital's Founders Center, 3865 Jackson Street; at 6 p.m. During the installation of the new president, Harkeerat Dhillon, there will be an update concerning the newest potential sister city Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. For further information and RSVP contact Kathy Head at 782-5662.

Don't forget to get your ticket for the installation of officers luncheon of the African American Chamber of Commerce that will be held Thursday, January 27 from 11:30-1:30 at the San Bernardino Hilton. For more information contact the president Joann Roberts at 379-6249 or Reggie Harrison at 386-8009.

If you have information that you want to print; birthdays, anniversary, births, etc., call me at 686-4611 or email me at ToniSpeaks@aol.com.

### Corona Resident Salutes MLK



Corona resident Ashton Idlebird celebrates the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by adding his sparkling touches to Southern California Edison's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Kingdom Day parade float entry. The float entitled "Together, We Take the Dream of Peace and Harmony into the Millennium" highlighted good parenting and education as key preparations for careers in fields such as space exploration and energy.

### Our Bodies



Ernest C. Levister, Jr., M.D.  
F.A.C.P. F.A.C.P.M.

**Dear Dr. Levister:** At age 68, am I susceptible to emphysema or other breathing problems even if I don't smoke?

L.K.

**Dear Dear L.K.:** Yes! According to the American Lung Association, the number of people who have died from lung problems increased by 67% from 1970 to 1995. Deaths from emphysema continue to skyrocket even though tobacco use has dropped by two-thirds. Most people treat themselves for bronchitis as an inflammation of the distal airways. This trend appears to be growing even faster as sales of bronchial inhalers have almost tripled since 1979. The source of difficult breathing can

### Difficult Breathing

be traced to many factors, primarily infections [bacteria or virus] and environmental pollutants. Environmental pollutants are foreign particles, chemical vapors and gases in the air that slowly destroy cells in every organ. The lungs and respiratory system are no exceptions.

Most people think that only smokers get emphysema, but all older people are susceptible to it and many frequently get this malady.

Essentially, emphysema is a result of aging that is often compounded by air pollutants, although it usually starts at an earlier age in smokers. The lungs are like an elastic balloon, but the elasticity declines with age.

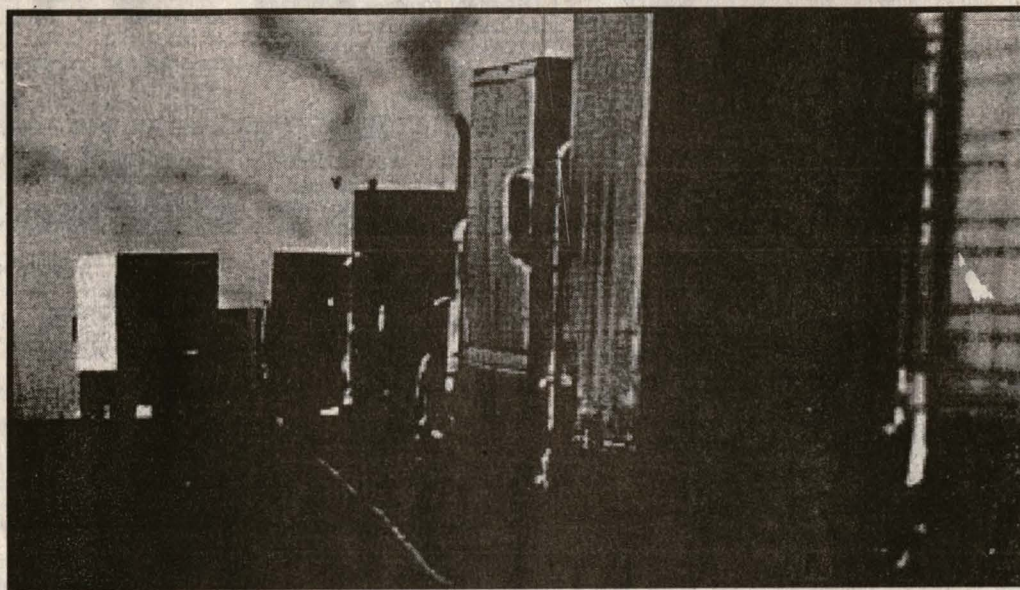
Obviously, those with emphysema have difficulty breathing, but the problem is not inhaling; exhaling is very difficult. You have to get the old air (carbon dioxide) out of the lungs before new air (oxygen) can be taken in. To understand this, imagine a healthy lung as a rubber balloon. You blow air into the balloon, and if you don't close the opening, the

elasticity of the balloon will force the air back out. An emphysema patient's lungs are like a paper sack. You blow air in and it stays because there is no mechanism to force the air back out. The lung has lost its elasticity.

The current medical treatments for treating asthma, bronchitis, and emphysema are steroid-type drugs and inhalers that dilator the bronchial tubes. Even though these drugs and inhalers can make you more comfortable and prevent emergency room visits, they do nothing to alleviate the primary cause of breathing difficulties.

*Dr. Levister welcomes reader mail concerning their bodies but regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters. Your letters will be incorporated into the column as space permits. You may direct your letters to Dr. Levister in care of Voice News, P.O. Box 1581, Riverside, CA 92502.*

## DANGER CLEAN AIR AT RISK PROCEED WITH CAUTION



The state's Air Resources Board is adopting a new gas formula that would include the fuel additive ethanol. Unlike many fuel components, this hazardous additive will have to be transported through our communities by diesel truck.

How many trucks? Whose community will be the most affected? What will happen if one of these trucks has an accident in our neighborhood? The ARB hasn't answered these questions. Nor has it addressed what the impact on our air will be from additional diesel exhaust, which California has identified as a chemical known to cause cancer.

The switch to ethanol will also further reduce California's already limited capacity to produce gasoline that meets our stringent clean-air

standards. That may mean gas shortages, skyrocketing prices and long lines at the pump. And that's on top of the additional costs we will all have to pay for this new gasoline.

We need to know more about the environmental and economic impacts before any decisions are made that could undermine the quality of our air, the safety of our communities and the health of our children.

**For More Information  
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